



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Chris M. Farnet et al.

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Examiner: Kathleen M. Kerr

Group Art Unit: 1652

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(formerly 3019-US)

For: GENE CLUSTER FOR RAMOPLANIN BIOSYNTHESIS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

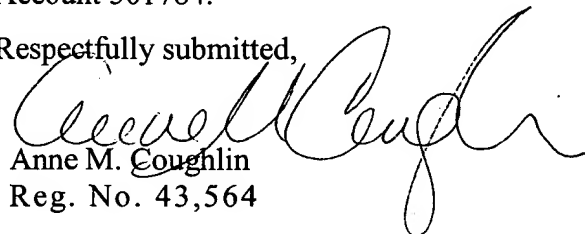
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the September 26, 2003 Office Action for five months from October 26, 2003 to and including March 26, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(a)(5), fee of \$1005.00 (small entity) is believed to be due for this extension. Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account 501784. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this submission to Deposit Account 501784.

Respectfully submitted,



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